

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached Appendix includes new Figure 3H to be inserted between original sheet 4 and 5.

Attachment: Appendix (New Sheet)

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2007 and an Interview with the Examiner conducted on October 10, 2007. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Quayle. The Examiner also rejected claims 1-2, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Orr in view of Riess or Noriega or Tucker. The Examiner rejected claims 3, 4, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Orr and further in view of Batchelder or Goldshaw. The Examiner also rejected claims 21 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Orr in view of Yergason.

During an interview with the Examiner held on October 10, 2007, the Applicant's attorney inquired about the restriction requirement, specifically, whether the Examiner would reconsider the restriction in light of the fact that the different species were merely different ways of closing the magazine slot. In other words, the different types of closures were merely species of the genus, quick accessing fasteners. The Examiner denied rejoining the groups. The Examiner agreed, however, to allow the Applicant to make a new election of species indicating a single elected species and claims readable thereon in a Request for Continued Examination.

In response to the interview with the Examiner Applicant hereby elects group VI directed towards the apparatus and the arrangement of the pocket shown in Figure 3F

and new Figure 3H, and reinstates previously presented claims 13-16 and 29; adds claim 31; cancels claims 1 and 2; withdraws claims 3-12, 17-28, and 30 as non-elected claims; and submits concurrently herewith, a request for continued examination. Support for new claim 31 can be found in paragraph 31 of the specification. As such, no new matter has been added to this application.

In addition, Applicant adds new Figure 3H. Support for this Figure can be found in Figure 3F and paragraph 41 reading, in part, in reference to Figure 3F, "Accordingly, the first and second fasteners 42E, 43E are also a pair of hook and loop fasteners." As such, no new matter has been added.

Having responded to each of the Examiner's concerns, Applicant asserts that the application is now in condition for allowance and solicits such action. If a telephone interview will advance the allowance of the application, enabling an Examiner's amendment or other meaningful discussion of the case, Applicant requests the Examiner contact Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

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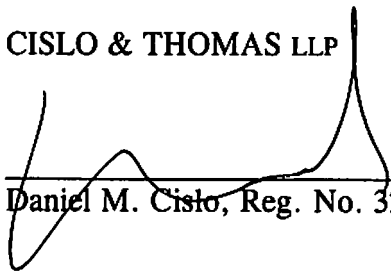
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It is not believed that any additional fees are due; however, in the event any additional fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's attorney's deposit account no. 03-2030.

Respectfully submitted,

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